

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] Series loops are the electrical connections between the ends of top and bottom bars at the axial extremes of the stator. The top and bottom bars emanate from different stator slots and typically follow a path on a conical surface where they become circumferentially and axially aligned, with the top bar being at a smaller radial distance from the axis of rotation than the bottom bar. Series loops ~~consist~~ comprise electrical components, typically copper, which connect the top bar with the bottom bar. The series loop connector is attached to the top and bottom bars by means of brazing to assure a connection that is good both electrically and mechanically.